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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP  
TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A STATE OF HAWAII  
COMMEMORATIVE VIETNAM VETERANS MEDAL.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii had a proud history of military service to  
2 the United States even before achieving statehood, such as  
3 during the American Civil War in which over one hundred Native  
4 Hawaiian and Hawaii-born residents fought; and  
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6 WHEREAS, Hawaii's proud history of military service went on  
7 to include the participation of Native Hawaiian and Hawaii-born  
8 residents in World War One, World War Two, the Korean War, and  
9 subsequent wars through the present; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the State has a deep connection to the Vietnam War  
12 with over two hundred seventy-five local service members  
13 memorialized on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington,  
14 D.C.; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the State actively honors its veterans through  
17 traveling memorials, dedicated parades, and veteran-led  
18 organizations; and  
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20 WHEREAS, The Wall That Heals, a traveling three-quarter  
21 scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington,  
22 D.C., visited the University of Hawaii West Oahu campus in  
23 January 2026; and  
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25 WHEREAS, National Vietnam War Veterans Day is celebrated on  
26 March 29 of each year and often features a parade in Waikiki;  
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29 WHEREAS, local veterans are periodically honored with all  
30 expenses paid "Honor Flights" to Washington, D.C. through  
31 support from the Hawaiian Islands Honor Flight organization; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the State is home to active chapters of the  
2 Vietnam Veterans of America, such as Oahu Chapter 858, that meet  
3 monthly at the Oahu Veterans Center and participate in  
4 ceremonies at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific;  
5 now, therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the  
9 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
10 Defense is requested to convene a working group to develop  
11 recommendations for a State of Hawaii commemorative Vietnam  
12 Veterans Medal; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
15 to include the following:

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17 (1) The Adjutant General, or the Adjutant General's  
18 designee, who is requested to serve as chairperson of  
19 the working group;
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21 (2) The Director of the Joint Staff of the Hawaii National  
22 Guard, or the Director's designee;
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24 (3) The Director of the Office of Veterans' Services, or  
25 the Director's designee;
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27 (4) One member representing Vietnam Veterans of America  
28 Chapter 858, to be invited by the chairperson;
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30 (5) One member representing Vietnam Veterans of America  
31 Chapter 1139, to be invited by the chairperson;
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33 (6) One member representing Vietnam Veterans of Maui  
34 County, to be invited by the chairperson;
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36 (7) One member representing Veterans of Foreign Wars Post  
37 3830, to be invited by the chairperson; and
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39 (8) Other members representing Hawaii veterans'  
40 organizations, retired military and defense leaders,  
41 and other interested participants, to be invited by  
42 the chairperson; and



